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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
VOLKER HENNIGE, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/EP04/51844)  
FILED: HERewith :  
FOR: CERAMIC SEPARATOR FOR :  
ELECTROCHEMICAL CELLS :  
WITH IMPROVED :  
CONDUCTIVITY :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.